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{Kansas City Nurse} to Deployed to Haiti with U.S. Public Health Service

{Kansas City Nurse, Cindy Smith} is being deployed to Haiti to {serve alongside U.S. Naval Medical Officers at a temporary medical shelter being established in Port-au-Prince to provide health care to elderly and other at-risk populations whose health may be compromised as a result of being displaced by the earthquake.}

On January 14 The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) activated the National Disaster Medical System and the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps as part of the international medical response led by the United Nations at the request of the Haitian government.

{Smith works WHERE _____ doing WHAT _____. She is part of a Rapid Deployment Force team that has been on call and ready to respond within 12 hours of activation. Smith is one of ### Corps Officers deployed this far in response to crisis in Haiti.}

{“We train for emergencies hoping that we will never be needed, but are fully prepared to serve when called upon,” said Smith. “I worked with displaced populations in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Ike and am honored to be a part of the U.S. Public Health Service.}

The US Public Health Service, commanded by the U.S. Surgeon General, cares for American Indians on reservations, research for cures at the National Institutes of Health, identify epidemics at the Centers for Disease Control, and oversee food and drug regulation at the Food and Drug Administration. Over 6,600 of the unique medical militia work not only at these and other Health and Human Services Agencies, but go wherever medical emergencies call them.

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